

From: ["Mylott, Richard" </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE:GROUP \(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT\)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=16543F1A0E1A4C4DAFE0611A15C85705-MYLOTT,RICHARD>](mailto:Mylott, Richard </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE:GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=16543F1A0E1A4C4DAFE0611A15C85705-MYLOTT,RICHARD>)  
To: [Ostrander](#)  
[David:Stevenson](#)  
[Peter](#)  
CC:  
Date: 7/16/2014 1:15:36 PM  
Subject: AP on ND spill

---

**From:** Wood, Joshua [mailto:JoWood@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 1:21 PM  
**To:** Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: your call

Hi Rich,

Thanks for getting back to me. I'm trying to get more information about this pipeline spill near Mandaree, North Dakota that occurred in early July. I'm trying to get as much information as possible. Any updates you have collected would be appreciated and I have quite a few specific questions:

-Did the EPA conduct its own air, water and soil tests at the scene of the site? Did the EPA conduct water tests in Lake Sakakawea and Bear Den Bay? If so, what did these tests show? If the EPA did not conduct these tests, did any independent body conduct these tests? By independent, I mean not Crestwood Midstream Partners LP or its subsidiary, nor a company they contracted nor somebody they recommended to the Three Affiliated Tribes.

-What jurisdiction does the EPA have over of spills on reservations?

-I know that the state of North Dakota and the counties do not have jurisdiction over these kinds of spills. Are all spills on tribal lands reported to the EPA? If not, what kinds of spills do as far as size, location etc?

-What did the EPA observe on the scene? Can you provide any reports filed about the incident?

-The last statement I got from you office said the EPA was still investigating the extent of brine contamination. Did brine get into Lake Sakakawea or the Bear Den Bay? Do we have figures on how much ground was affected by the spill and how much vegetation was killed off? Was wildlife affected?

-When was the EPA first notified of the Mandaree spill? Who notified the agency?

-Is the EPA still on site?

-Crestwood Midstream Partners LP estimates the clean up will take weeks. A spill of a similar size occurred near the town of Alexander, North Dakota in 2006 and was still being cleaned up as of last week. Does the EPA concur with Crestwood's estimated clean-up timeline?

-How does saltwater impact the environment? Particularly what does it do to soil, vegetation etc that it comes in contact with?

-What challenges does cleaning up brine pose? Are there specific challenges with this spill? Has the EPA made recommendations on how to proceed?

Thanks, and hope to hear back from you soon.

Best,  
Josh

---

**From:** Mylott, Richard [<mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 2:01 PM

**To:** Wood, Joshua

**Subject:** your call

Josh—I'm working out of the office today, but checking mail periodically. Let me know how I can help. Thanks!

Rich Mylott

The information contained in this communication is intended for the use of the designated recipients named above. If the reader of this communication is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that you have received this communication in error, and that any review, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify The Associated Press immediately by telephone at +1-212-621-1898 and delete this email. Thank you.

[IP\_US\_DISC]

msk dccc60c6d2c3a6438f0cf467d9a4938